

# II Nephi 26:20-33 \*Parallel

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<p>1 • v20 And the Gentiles are <i>lifted up in the pride of their eyes</i>,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• and have <i>stumbled</i>, because of the greatness of their <i>stumbling block</i>,</li> <li>• that they have <i>built up many churches</i>;</li> <li>• nevertheless, they <i>put down the power and miracles of God</i>,</li> </ul>	<p>v29 He commandeth that there shall be no <i>priestcrafts</i>;</p> <p>[See "stumble" Isa. 8:14,15 = 28:13,16 = Matt. 21:42-44 = JST-Matt. 21:51-56 = 2 Ne. 26:5c (= focal point of 2 Ne. 26:1-9 Chiasm).]</p>
<p>2 and <u>preach up unto themselves</u></p>	<p>for, behold <i>priestcrafts</i> are that men <u>preach and set themselves up</u></p>
<p>3 • <u>their own wisdom</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• and <u>their own learning</u>,</li> </ul>	<p>for <i>a light</i> unto the world,</p> <p>[See 2 Ne. 28:26,31.]</p>
<p>4 <u>that they may get gain</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>that they may get gain</u></li> <li>• and <i>praise of the world</i>;</li> <li>• but they <i>seek not the welfare of Zion</i>.</li> </ul>
<p>5 and <i>grind upon the face of the poor</i>.</p>	<p>v30 Behold, the Lord hath forbidden this thing; wherefore, the Lord God hath given a commandment that all men should have <i>charity</i>, which <i>charity</i> is love, and except they should have <i>charity</i> they were nothing.</p>
<p>6 v21 And there are <i>many churches</i> built up</p>	<p>Wherefore, <i>if they should have charity</i></p> <p>a-1 they would not suffer the <u>laborer in Zion</u></p> <p>a-2 to <u>perish</u>.</p> <p>b v31 But the <u>laborer in Zion</u></p> <p>b shall <u>labor for Zion</u>;</p> <p>a-1 for if they <u>labor for money</u></p> <p>a-2 they shall <u>perish</u>.</p>
<p>7 which <u>cause</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>envyings</u>,</li> <li>• and <u>strifes</u>,</li> <li>• and <u>malice</u>.</li> </ul>	<p>v32 And again, the Lord God hath <u>commanded</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• that men should not murder;</li> <li>• that they should not lie;</li> <li>• that they should not steal;</li> <li>• that they should not take the name of the Lord their God in vain;</li> <li>• that they should not <u>envy</u>;</li> <li>• that they should not have <u>malice</u>;</li> <li>• that they should not <u>contend</u> one with another;</li> </ul>
<p>8 v22 And there are also <i>secret combinations</i>, even as in times of old, according to the <u>combinations of the devil</u>,</p>	<p>that they should not commit <i>whoredoms</i>;</p> <p>[See Rev. 19:10; 1 Ne. 14:10-12.]</p>

9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>for <i>he is the founder of <u>all these things</u></i>;</li> <li>yea, the founder of <i><u>murder</u></i>, and <i><u>works of darkness</u></i>;</li> </ul>	and that <i>they should do <u>none of these things</u></i> ; [See Ether 8:18,19; Hel. 6:38-40; Ezk. 20:6,13,25,27.]
10	yea, and he <i>leadeth</i> them by the neck with a flaxen cord,	for whoso <i>doeth</i> them [See 2 Ne. 28:21-23.]
11	until he <i>bindeth them with his strong cords forever</i> .	shall <i>perish</i> . [See 2 Ne. 10:16; 28:15,18; 1 Ne. 22:13; D&C 29:21; 133:72,73.]
12	v23 <u>For</u> behold, my beloved brethren, I say unto you that <u>the Lord God worketh not in darkness</u> .	v33 <u>For none of these iniquities come of the Lord</u> ;
13	v24 <u>He doeth</u> not anything	for <u>he doeth</u>
14	save it be <u>for the benefit</u>	<u>that which is good</u>
15	<u>of the world</u> ;	<u>among the children of men</u> ;
16	for he <i>loveth the world</i> , even that he <i>layeth down his own life</i> that he may draw <i>all men</i> unto him. [See 3 Ne. 27:14; 20:26; 21:10; Rom. 11:26,27,30-34 = Isa. 55:3,8,9; D&C 133:57,66,67.]	and he doeth nothing save it be <i>plain</i> unto <i>the children of men</i> ; [See "plain" Alma 5:43(43-46) = Hel. 7:29; 8:3,4,13-16 = 2 Ne. 25:4,7,20; 9:47 = Eth. 8:24.]
17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wherefore, he <i>commandeth none that they shall not partake</i> of his salvation.</li> <li>v25 Behold, doth he cry unto <i>any</i>, saying: <i>Depart from me?</i> Behold, I say unto you, Nay;</li> </ul>	and <i>he inviteth them all</i>
18	but he saith: <u>Come unto me</u> all ye ends of the earth,	to <u>come unto him</u> [See Isa. 55:3.]
19	<u>buy milk and honey, without money and without price</u> . [See Isa. 55:1,2 = 2 Ne. 9:50,51.]	and <u>partake of his goodness</u> ;
20	v26 Behold, hath he commanded any that they should <i>depart out</i> of the synagogues, or <i>out</i> of the houses of worship? Behold, I say unto you, Nay.	and <i>he denieth none</i>
21	v27 Hath he commanded any that they should not <i>partake of his salvation</i> ? Behold I say unto you, Nay;	that <i>come unto him</i> ,
22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>but he hath given it free for <i>all men</i>;</li> <li>and he hath commanded his people that they should persuade <i>all men</i> to repentance.</li> </ul>	<i>black and white,</i> <i>bond and free,</i> <i>male and female;</i>
23	v28 Behold, <i>hath the Lord commanded any that they should not partake</i> of his goodness? Behold I say unto you, Nay;	and he <i>remembereth the heathen</i> ;
24	but <u>all</u> men are privileged <i>the one</i> like unto <i>the other</i> ,	and <u>all</u> are <u>alike unto God</u> ,
25	and <i>none are forbidden</i> .	<i>both Jew and Gentile</i> .